

HEAVY RAINS

HEAVY RAINS LASH NORTH INDIA, GURUGRAM ISSUES 'WORK FROM HOME' ADVISORY FOR OFFICES

Diary Times Desk : Corporate offices and private institutions were advised to allow their employees to work from home on Thursday, a day after torrential rain led to massive traffic snarls and waterlogging in the high-rise city that was brought to its knees.

The rains that started around 7 pm on Wednesday and continued late into the night led to jams that lasted till the early hours of Thursday. According to the advisory issued by the District Disaster Management Authority, Gurugram recorded 133 mm of rainfall in the 12-hour period that ended at 7 am on Thursday.

This included an "extremely intense spell" of 103 mm of rainfall between 7.30 pm to 9 pm on Wednesday. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an 'orange' alert for Gurugram, the advisory stated.

"In view of the above situation, all corporate offices and private institutions in the district are advised to guide their employees to work from home on July 10 so that traffic congestion can be avoided," it said. Rain brought Gurugram to a standstill on Wednesday evening, with roads and several residential areas inundated and traffic gridlocked. The downpour left the Narsinghpur stretch of the Delhi-Gurugram Expressway and places near Basai and Golf Course Extension Road submerged. The road in front of the parking lot near Rajiv Chowk, Sheetla Mata road, Sadar Bazaar, Bus Adda road and roads in nearby colonies were also flooded.



SUPREME COURT

CONSIDER AADHAAR, VOTER ID, RATION CARD FOR ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION IN BIHAR, SC TELLS EC



Diary Times Desk : The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Election Commission to consider including Aadhaar, Voter I-Card, Ration Card as documents for Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, ahead of Assembly elections to be held in October-November.

"In our prima facie opinion, in the interest of justice, the Election Commission will also include these documents ... Aadhaar, Ration card and EPIC card," a Bench of Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Justice Joymalya Bagchi said.

As senior counsel Rakesh Dwivedi insisted on behalf of the EC that Aadhaar wasn't a "proof of citizenship", the Bench clarified that it's for the EC to decide if it wanted to take these documents or not and if it didn't, then it has to give reasons for the same.

Describing SIR as a "constitutional mandate", the Bench allowed the EC to go ahead with the SIR exercise in Bihar — which has close to eight crore voters. "We cannot stop a constitutional body from doing what it is supposed to do. Simultaneously, we will not let them do what they are not supposed to do," Justice Dhulia said, terming the right to vote as an important right in a democracy.

Maintaining that 60 per cent of voters had already verified their credentials in Bihar, Dwivedi assured the Bench that none of the voters would be removed from the electoral rolls without giving them a hearing. The list of 11 documents to be considered for SIR was not exhaustive, he added.

DELHI HIGH COURT STAYS JULY 11 RELEASE OF 'UDAIPUR FILES'

Diary Times Desk : The Delhi High Court on Thursday stayed the July 11 release of 'Udaipur Files: Kanhaiya Lal Tailor Murder' – a film based on tailor Kanhaiya Lal's murder in Udaipur, Rajasthan, in 2022. In an interim order, a Division bench of Chief Justice DK Upadhyaya and Justice Anish Dayal ordered that the stay will remain in effect until the Central Government decided on the revision application filed by Jamiat Ulema-i-Hind against the certification granted to the film by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). "Accordingly, we permit the petitioner to approach the Central government within two days and in case the petitioners approach the Central government, he may also make a prayer for interim measures. Once the petitioner approaches the Central government with a revision petition, the same shall be considered and decided within a period of one week after giving opportunity to the producer," the High Court ordered. Without going into the merits of the film, it said the procedure for challenging CBFC certification must be followed and ensured that no irreparable damage occurred in the meantime. The order came on two separate petitions.



'INDIA WELCOMES BACK ITS SUPER PREMIUM FREQUENT FLIER PM': CONGRESS' JIBE AT MODI

Diary Times Desk : The Congress took a jibe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi after his return from a five-nation tour on Thursday. The party said now that the PM is back from his foreign tour, he could find time to visit Manipur, review why the Pahalgam terrorists are yet to be brought to justice and reflect on infrastructure collapses in his home state. Taking a potshot at the PM Modi, the Opposition party said for a change, the PM can also chair an all-party meeting to firm up the agenda for the forthcoming Monsoon session of Parliament. These remarks were made by Congress general secretary in-charge (communications) Jairam Ramesh. "India welcomes back its super premium frequent flier PM, who is expected to be in the country for perhaps three weeks before jetting around again," Ramesh said in his post on X. He added, "Now that he is here, he could find the time to visit Manipur where the people have been awaiting him."

CONGRESS MP THAROOR SLAMS EMERGENCY AS 'DARK CHAPTER'



Diary Times Desk : Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor has criticised the Emergency declared by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1975, saying the people of the country responded clearly to the excesses of that period by voting her party out of power by a large margin. In an article published on the measure, which lasted between June 25, 1975, and March 21, 1977, in the Malayalam daily 'Deepika' on Thursday, the Congress Working Committee member termed it "a dark chapter" in India's history and recalled Indira Gandhi's son Sanjay Gandhi's notorious acts, including forced sterilisation campaigns and the merciless demolition of slums in New Delhi. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was seen as having endorsed harsh actions, Tharoor said, criticising the country's first woman Prime Minister – whom the Nehru family and the Congress regard as the Iron Lady of India – on the matter. When asked for his views on the article, Leader of Opposition and senior Congress leader V D Satheesan said that only the national leadership of the party can comment on this.

'FROM NON-ALIGNED TO ALL ALIGNED': BJP REAFFIRMS MODI'S GLOBAL OUTREACH, PLAYS DOWN TRUMP'S TARIFF THREATS

Diary Times Desk : The BJP on Thursday reaffirmed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's handling of international relations amid tariff threats from US President Donald Trump, saying the government remains firmly committed to protecting India's military, diplomatic, and economic interests. Addressing a press conference here, party's spokesperson and Rajya Sabha MP Sudhanshu Trivedi downplayed Trump's warning of imposing extra tariffs on BRICS nations, terming it an "internal matter of the US". He said India is engaged in discussions with Washington over a possible trade agreement. "People have complete faith that every Indian interest under every circumstance is fully protected under Modi's leadership," Trivedi asserted. He said that under Modi's leadership, India had risen from being the "weakest" member of BRICS under the UPA regime to its "brightest" representative today. There used to be a time when India was considered as non-aligned, now we are all-aligned. This is why India is the only country in the world that is a member of both BRICS and QUAD," he said.



Aries

Today, you will meet old friends, which will refresh old memories. Employed people may be fired from the job due to heavy arguments with colleagues in the workplace. People doing business should thank God for getting financial benefits from the advice of their spouse. Due to irritation in the eyes, you should consult an ophthalmologist.

Taurus

Today you will get success as your long pending legal proceedings will come in your favor. There will be an atmosphere of happiness in the family as employed people will get progress in their workplace. People doing business should make a budget and spend the money in order to get financial benefits. Housewives should change their food according to health and season.

Gemini

Today you should include yoga and meditation in your daily routine. For employed people, your responsibilities may increase due to promotion in the workplace. People doing business may suffer financial loss from any unknown person today. There may be difficulty in walking due to nerve pain problems.

Leo

Today, you should offer water to Lord Shiva to avoid difficulties. A heated argument with HR in the workplace will spoil your whole day. Businessmen have to exercise patience, there are chances of improvement in business. Today, you may face stomach and pancreas problems due to eating too much fried food.

Libra

Today is going to be a busy day for you. Employed people will get a chance to work with senior officers due to advancement in their professional field. People doing business should avoid exchanging money with any unknown person today. Pregnant women may have to face problems due to changing weather.

Scorpio

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employed people may have to face mental problems due to extra workload in the workplace. People doing business may have to travel abroad in connection with business expansion. Diabetic patients should get themselves checked by a doctor in case of any problem today.

Sagittarius

Today you should take all important decisions of your career thoughtfully. Employed people may have to face some problems due to the start of a new job in the workplace. Due to financial gain for business people, you can invest in a new business. Problems like leg pain and headache may bother you.

Capricorn

Today you can invest especially in land and buildings. Employed people may have to travel long distances due to office work, due to which your health may deteriorate. People doing business may face difficulties in repaying business loans due to loss of money. High BP and cholesterol problems will increase the problems of your spouse.

Aquarius

Today you may have to face huge arguments in your family over small matters. Employees will be suspended due to indiscipline in the workplace. People doing business should solve all the problems of their customers in time. Due to worsening weather, problems related to cold and cough may increase in the family.

Pisces

Today your interest in creative work will especially increase. Employed people may be given an important project by their boss to handle important projects in the workplace. People doing business should control their speech and behavior with their customers. You should walk carefully on the road, problems may arise due to injury.



HIMACHAL : DIRECTORATE BACKTRACKED FROM ORDER TO CELEBRATE CONSTITUTION MURDER DAY, REMOVED LETTER FROM WEBSITE

Diary Times Desk : The Directorate of Education has backtracked from the order to celebrate Samvidhan Hatya Diwas in the schools of the Congress-ruled state of Himachal Pradesh. This letter issued to all the District Education Officers through the website on Wednesday has now been removed. After the reprimand of the state government, the officials of the Directorate of Education are now busy saving their skin by removing the letter from the website. On the other hand, sources said that the letter has been removed from the website after the intervention of Education Minister Rohit Thakur. The Education Minister also reprimanded the officials for issuing such letters without approval. Education Minister Rohit Thakur is currently out of the state with Director of School Education Ashish Kohli and other officials. The Education Minister has gone to Leh and Ladakh on a study tour.



CM SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU SAID- STATE GOVERNMENT WILL BRING SETTLEMENT POLICY FOR DISASTER AFFECTED PEOPLE

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday visited the disaster affected areas of Thunag, Bagsyad, Deji village, Bara and Syanj village of Seraj assembly constituency of Mandi district for the second consecutive day. 11 people are missing due to cloudburst in Deji village, while two people have died in Bara. Four persons have died in Syanj village while five persons are still missing. The Chief Minister prayed for the peace of the souls of all the deceased and expressed condolences with the bereaved families. At Pakharair Panchayat Ghar, the disaster affected people told the Chief Minister that such a disaster had not occurred even in two hundred years. But this time in the disaster, many clouds burst, a lot of water came together and people escaped with great difficulty to save their lives. The Chief Minister directed the revenue officials to immediately assess all types of damage. He said that the houses which are filled.

HIMACHAL PRADESH: PROTESTS AND GATE MEETINGS BANNED IN OFFICIAL PREMISES OF ELECTRICITY BOARD

Diary Times Desk : Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited has issued instructions to ban all types of protests including gate meetings, dharnas, rallies, demonstrations and strikes in the premises of Vidyut Bhawan Kumar House and all regional offices across the state. An office order issued by the board's executive director on Thursday said that this is allegedly disrupting official work, causing noise pollution and negatively affecting the workplace. The order also mentions the worrying trend of employees being allegedly forced or threatened to join these protests against their will. No association/union/joint front in the state will be allowed to hold any kind of protest in the HPSEB premises. Office heads have been instructed to ensure strict compliance. Non-reporting of violations or concealment of facts may lead to disciplinary action. Any violation of the order will be treated as 'breach of discipline' and may attract punitive action. Instructions have been issued banning all types of protests including gate meetings, dharnas, rallies, demonstrations and strikes in the premises of Vidyut Bhawan Kumar House and all regional offices across the state.

MANDI CLOUDBURST:: IGNORING THE RAIN WARNING, CM SUKHWINDER SINGH SUKHU SPENT THE NIGHT WITH THE AFFECTED PEOPLE

Diary Times Desk : Not listening to the advice of the administration, Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu spent the night at Thunag Vishram Grih on Wednesday with the disaster affected people of Seraj Assembly constituency. A relief camp has been set up here. The Chief Minister shared the pain and suffering of the affected families and interacted with them and assured them that the state government stands with them in this hour of crisis. The Meteorological Department had issued a warning of heavy rain in the area after 2 am. In view of this, the administration had advised the Chief Minister not to stay in the area. Keeping in mind the safety of the Chief Minister, the administrative officers repeatedly requested him not to stay in Thunag. The Chief Minister decided to stay among the disaster affected people and provide them support and share their pain. Thunag Vishram Grih is the biggest relief camp in Mandi district. At present 130 disaster affected people have taken shelter in it. The Chief Minister clarified that the state government is committed to provide all possible help to the disaster affected people.



LEADER OF OPPOSITION JAIRAM THAKUR SAID- STRUCTURAL DAMAGE WORTH MORE THAN RS 500 CRORE DUE TO THE DISASTER IN SERAJ

Diary Times Desk : Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Jairam Thakur said that the natural disaster in Seraj has caused structural damage of more than Rs 500 crore so far. Apart from people's houses and shops, apple orchards and hundreds of acres of agricultural land were washed away. This has dealt a huge blow to the apple economy and farming. There has never been such a loss before today. People have not only become homeless but have also lost all means of earning livelihood. In this way, apart from structural damage, agriculture and horticulture have also suffered losses worth thousands of crores in Seraj. He said that more than 500 houses have collapsed while the same number of cow sheds and partially damaged houses have been damaged. The administration is assessing it. The total loss will cross Rs 1000 crore. Now a fresh start will have to be made. For this, the support of the state government is needed. At the same time, he will personally go to the Center to ask for help. He said that he also told the CM the reality and also demanded the release of a special package for rehabilitation and reconstruction.

HIMACHAL WEATHER: 85 PEOPLE HAVE DIED SO FAR IN THE MONSOON SEASON, ALERT OF HEAVY RAIN FOR SIX DAYS IN MANY PARTS OF THE STATE

Diary Times Desk : There was drizzle on Thursday in Kangra, Dharamshala, Chamba and Hamirpur including the capital Shimla. Una remained cloudy throughout the day. Yellow alert for rain has been issued in many areas of the state on Friday and Saturday as well. The weather is forecast to remain bad in the state till July 16. On Friday, there is a possibility of low to medium level flood risk in some catchment areas and surrounding areas of Chamba, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, Shimla and Sirmour districts. Till Thursday evening, 207 roads, 132 power transformers and 812 water supply schemes remained disrupted in the state. Mandi district has the highest number of 134 roads, 111 power transformers and 204 water supply schemes closed. Apart from this, 603 drinking water schemes are stalled in Dharamshala, Nurpur and Dehra.

AFTER BHOPAL'S 90-DEGREE FLYOVER, Z-SHAPED RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE IN INDORE

Diary Times Desk : After the controversial 90-degree bridge in Bhopal's Aishbagh, a new Railway Over Bridge (ROB) under construction in Indore has triggered a debate and become a matter of concern. The Public Works Department (PWD) is building a Z-shaped bridge near Polo Ground, surprising residents and experts alike with its sharp, 90-degree turns at two points. The ROB, designed to connect Laxmibai Nagar to Polo Ground via Bhagirathpura and MR-4, features a 90-degree angle on the arm from Laxmibai Nagar and another sharp turn towards MR-4. Local truck drivers and industrial representatives fear these turns could become accident hotspots once operational. A truck driver near the railway goods warehouse told NDTV that maneuvering fully loaded vehicles through these sharp turns would prove to be extremely difficult and dangerous. "If an accident happens, we will not be responsible. The government will have to answer," the driver warned, not seeking to be named.

BIHAR MAN INVOLVED IN SAND MINING BUSINESS SHOT DEAD OUTSIDE HIS HOME: COPS

Diary Times Desk : A 50-year-old man involved in the sand mining business was shot dead outside his home in Ranitalab area of rural Patna on Thursday, police said. The victim, Ramkant Yadav, was attacked by unidentified armed people near his residence in Dhana village. He was rushed to the nearest government hospital but was declared brought dead, police added. This comes days after Gopal Khemka, a well-known businessman, was shot dead outside his home in Patna on Friday night. Talking to reporters, Patna City SP (West) Bhanu Pratap Singh said, "Police received information that Yadav was shot at by some unidentified persons at Dhana village on Thursday afternoon. Police reached the spot and took him to the nearest government hospital where he was declared brought dead". The SP said the body has been sent for post-mortem examination and forensic experts are assisting in the investigation. "The exact motive behind the murder is not known. We have launched a manhunt to identify and arrest the assailants," Singh added. The Congress was quick to react to the incident, calling it a "worsening law and order situation" in Bihar. Congress Legislature Party leader Shakeel Ahmad Khan said, "Yet another businessman in Bihar.

BIHAR SURVEY TO CONTINUE, TOP COURT SUGGESTS THESE 3 IDS MUST BE CONSIDERED



Diary Times Desk : Aadhaar, ration cards, and an identity card issued by the Election Commission itself should be considered as valid documents to re-verify voters' identities - a process that has been allowed to continue - ahead of the Bihar election this year, the Supreme Court observed Thursday. "In our opinion it will be in the interest of justice if these three are included," the court said. The observation came after a high-stakes hearing over a 'special intensive revision' of the state's electoral roll, an exercise criticised as "arbitrary" and "discriminatory" in forcing only voters registered after 2003 to re-verify themselves and to do so without using common government IDs like the Aadhaar or even the poll panel's own Electoral Photo Identity Card. Approached by a clutch of petitioners - including the Association for Democratic Reforms and Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra, who said she feared a similar exercise before the election in Bengal next year.

SIBLINGS, FATHER DIE IN GUJARAT BRIDGE TRAGEDY, MOTHER KEPT BEGGING FOR HELP

Diary Times Desk : Four-year-old Vedika and her one-year-old brother Naitik left with their parents early yesterday for a temple nearly 280 km from their home in Gujarat's Vadodara district. Their father, Ramesh Padhiyar, and mother, Sonal Padhiyar, made a mannat (wish) at Bagdana Bapa Sitaram temple in Bhavnagar district. Their prayers had been answered, and this was a trip to thank God. But fate had other plans. The family of four was travelling in a van, along with some relatives. The vehicle was crossing the Mahisagar river when the 40-year-old Gambhira bridge gave way. The van and several other vehicles fell into the river. Under the water, Sonal somehow managed to open a door and came to the surface. She could not spot her children and husband and started screaming for help. Hours later, what she feared most was confirmed: her husband and children had died. "Our family and some other relatives from our village had hired.

HARYANA STUDENTS WHO STABBED PRINCIPAL OVER 'HAIRCUT' HAD ALSO THREATENED TO KILL SON

Diary Times Desk : The two students who stabbed a principal of a school in Haryana's Hisar because he asked them to get a haircut had threatened him before as well and demanded Rs 10 lakh to not kill his son, police have said. An earlier video of the students, who are on the run, threatening the principal has also emerged. In the video, which begins with the Class 12 students using expletives against the principal - Jagbir Singh of Kartar Memorial Senior Secondary School in Bas Badshahpur village in Hisar - the two boys can be heard saying Rs 10 lakh is not a big sum and the life of his son was at stake. "The video makes it appear that the boys had been influenced by members of some gang. There are several fan pages on social media these days. All of these things will become clear once the boys are rounded up," said Superintendent of Police (Hansi) Amit Yashvardhan. Mr Singh, 50, was killed at 10.30 am on Thursday, which was also Guru Purnima, a day dedicated to honouring teachers.

HIMACHAL CHIEF MINISTER ANNOUNCES RS 7 CRORE RELIEF FOR DISASTER-HIT MANDI

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Thursday announced an immediate relief amount of Rs 7 crore to carry out restoration work in disaster-affected areas of Himachal Pradesh's Mandi district On the second day of his tour, the chief minister visited Thunag, Bagsiad, Deji, Bara and Syanj villages, and reviewed the damage caused by the recent cloudbursts. He assured all possible support from the state government to affected families. The chief minister said the state Cabinet would soon discuss and announce a special relief package for those impacted by the disaster. Fifteen people lost their lives, five sustained injuries, and 27 are still missing after 10 cloudbursts triggered flash floods and a landslide in Mandi district on the intervening night of June 30 and July 1. The calamity caused large-scale destruction, affecting 1,184 houses, 710 cow sheds and 201 shops. As many as 780 livestock also perished in the disaster. According to an official statement, Rs 2 crore was released earlier.

MEAT SHOPS ON KANWAR YATRA ROUTE TO REMAIN SHUT: KAPIL MISHRA

Diary Times Desk : Delhi Culture and Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra on Wednesday said the meat shops on the Kanwar Yatra route, most of which are run illegally, will be shut down during the religious event beginning later this month. The minister reviewed the preparations for the Kanwar Yatra route in the city along with several ruling BJP MLAs. "Its a decision of the Delhi government and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) that the meat shops will remain closed. Nevertheless, most of them are illegal and they should not be there. No such shop will be opened and there is no exemption," said Mr Mishra during the inspection. "It will be specially ensured that no such unwanted thing happens anywhere," he told reporters. The Kanwar Yatra will be undertaken by the devotees during the auspicious month of 'Shravan' from July 11 to 25. The devotees during the Kanwar Yatra carry water from rivers and other sacred water bodies and offer it at prominent temples of Lord Shiva, covering long distances on foot. Mishra accompanied by BJP MLAs Ajay Mahawar, Tilak Ram Gupta, Anil Sharma, Pradyumn Rajpoot and Sanjay Goel inspected the Kanwar Yatra route and camps from Apsara Border to Karol Bagh.



FIVE INJURED IN GRENADE ATTACK IN BALOCHISTAN DAY AFTER BLF LAUNCHES 'OPERATION BAAM'

Diary Times Desk : Five people, including women and children, were injured on Wednesday after a grenade attack happened on a house in Turbat in Pakistan's Balochistan, Pakistani news portal The Dawn reported. This comes a day after a series of coordinated attacks and explosions rocked multiple government installations across Balochistan late Tuesday night, with the Balochistan Liberation Front (BLF) claiming responsibility and announced the launch of "Operation Baam (Dawn)." Citing authorities, The Dawn also reported that in a separate grenade attack on Wednesday, a police check post was also attacked in Sibi. Police said a hand grenade was thrown by unidentified attackers on motorcycles at the residence of Muhammad Younis in the Absar area of Turbat, the divisional headquarters of Makran division in Kech district. The grenade explosion took place in the backyard, injuring five people and damaging parts of the house. Dawn reported that police rushed to the site and moved the injured persons to the District Hospital Turbat, wherein they were identified as Hajra, Mahlab, Fatima, Naz Gul, and Muhammad Ibrahim.

NATO JETS SCRAMBLED AMID LARGEST RUSSIA DRONE ATTACK ON UKRAINE

Diary Times Desk : Russia unleashed its largest aerial attack yet on Ukraine by launching more than 400 drones, prompting NATO jets to scramble into Polish airspace. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said the massive Russian attack involved "728 drones of various types, including over 300 Shaheds, and 13 missiles" - Kinzhals and Iskanders. "Most of the targets were shot down. Our interceptor drones were used -- dozens of enemy targets were downed, and we are scaling up this technology. Mobile fire groups were also active - they downed dozens as well. I thank all our warriors for their precision," he said. The Ukrainian officials on Wednesday said the latest Russian attack topped previous aerial and ground assaults in the three-year war. Russia has recently sought to overwhelm Ukraine's air defences by launching major attacks that include increasing numbers of decoy drones. The most recent one appeared aimed at disrupting Ukraine's vital supply.

MALAYSIAN MODEL SAYS INDIAN PRIEST MOLESTED HER: "SAID IT WOULD BE BLESSING"

Diary Times Desk : An Indian-origin actor and television host has accused a Hindu priest in Malaysia of molesting her under the pretext of blessing her. According to the South China Morning Post, the incident occurred last month at Mariamman Temple in Sepang. It came to light when Lishalliny Kanaran, who is also the winner of Miss Grand Malaysia in 2021, shared the allegations on social media. She accused the priest, an Indian national, of touching her inappropriately after pouring what he claimed was "holy water from India". The suspect is believed to be an Indian national temporarily officiating at the temple during the absence of its resident priest," Sepang district police chief ACP Norhizam Bahaman said, per SCMP. "The suspect's modus operandi was allegedly to sprinkle holy water on the victim's face and body before proceeding to molest her," Norhizam added. In her post, Ms Kanaran claimed that the investigating officer warned her against publicising the assault, saying, "If you do, it will be your fault [and] you'll be blamed." However, she chose not to follow his advice, and she took to Instagram to describe the incident in harrowing detail.



WHY LIBERIANS ARE ANGRY AFTER TRUMP'S PRAISE FOR PRESIDENT'S 'GOOD ENGLISH'



Diary Times Desk : There was confusion and anger in Liberia on Thursday after U.S. President Donald Trump praised the English skills of President Joseph Boakai. "Such good English," Trump said to Boakai, with visible surprise. "Such beautiful English." English has been the west African nation's official language since the 1800s. But Trump did not stop there. "Where did you learn to speak so beautifully?" he continued, as Boakai murmured a response. "Where were you educated? Where? In Liberia?" The exchange took place during a meeting in the White House between Trump and five West African leaders on Wednesday, amid a pivot from aid to trade in the U.S. foreign policy. Liberia has had deep ties with the United States for centuries. The country was first established with the aim of relocating freed slaves from the United States.

HAMAS AGREES TO RELEASE 10 CAPTIVES AS ISRAELI ATTACKS KILL 74 IN GAZA

Diary Times Desk : Hamas says it has agreed to release 10 Israeli captives as part of continuing efforts to reach a ceasefire in the besieged and bombarded Gaza Strip, but warned that ongoing talks for a truce were "tough" due to Israel's "intransigence". The comments on Wednesday came as Israeli forces killed at least 74 people in Gaza, and United States President Donald Trump again expressed hope that a truce could be reached soon. Hamas said the talks, spearheaded by key mediators Qatar and the US, have several sticking points, including the flow of desperately needed aid, withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza, and "genuine guarantees for a permanent ceasefire". Hamas official Taher al-Nunu said the group agreed to the latest truce proposal and "offered the necessary flexibility to protect our people, stop the crime of genocide, and allow the free and dignified entry and flow of aid to our people until we reach a complete end to the war". He added that the areas Israeli troops should withdraw.

INDIAN STUDENT AMONG TWO KILLED AS PLANES COLLIDE MID-AIR IN CANADA

Diary Times Desk : A 23-year-old Indian was among two student pilots who were killed after their planes collided mid-air in Canada's Manitoba, India's Consulate General in Toronto said. The incident took place when two single-engine aircraft collided at a flight school. Sreehari Suresh, who lost his life in the accident, was from Kerala. Suresh was a resident of Statue New Road, Thrissur in Kochi, according to a Kottayam-based news portal, Onmanorama. "With profound sorrow, we mourn the tragic passing of Mr Sreehari Suresh, a young Indian student pilot, who lost his life in a mid-air collision near Steinbach, Manitoba. We extend our deepest condolences to his family," the Indian Consulate General said in a post on X. The Consulate is in contact with the bereaved family, the pilot training school and local police to provide all necessary assistance," the Consulate General's post added. Speaking about the incident that occurred early on Tuesday morning, Adam Penner, president of Harv's Air pilot training school, said the two were practising take-offs and landings in small Cessna planes, CBS News reported.

US SANCTIONS UN EXPERT FRANCESCA ALBANESE OVER ISRAEL CRITICISM

Diary Times Desk : The administration of United States President Donald Trump has imposed sanctions on United Nations expert Francesca Albanese over her documentation of Israel's abuses against Palestinians during its war on Gaza. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio announced the penalties on Wednesday, accusing Albanese of waging a "campaign of political and economic warfare against the United States and Israel". Albanese, who serves as UN special rapporteur on the occupied Palestinian territory, has been a leading global voice in calling for action to end Israel's human rights violations. Israel and its supporters have been rebuking Albanese and calling for her to be removed from her UN position for years. When reached by Al Jazeera, Albanese appeared to dismiss the US's sanctions, saying she is focused on continuing her work. "No comment on mafia style intimidation techniques," the UN expert wrote in a text message. "Busy reminding member states of their obligations to stop and punish genocide. And those who profit from it." Earlier on Wednesday, she called out European governments for allowing Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu - who is wanted by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

PUNJAB CABINET GIVES NOD TO SCHEME PROVIDING RS 10 LAKH HEALTH COVER TO ALL FAMILIES

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab Cabinet on Thursday approved a scheme to provide cashless medical treatment of up to Rs 10 lakh to all families in the state at government as well as empanelled private hospitals. "With this, Punjab has become the first state to provide cashless treatment of up to Rs 10 lakh," Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said here after chairing a meeting of the Cabinet. A spokesperson of the Chief Minister's Office said the 'Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna' will be rolled out on October 2. Mann had announced bringing the scheme on July 8. Health cards under the scheme will be issued at Seva Kendras or Common Service Centres (CSCs). Additionally, citizens can register online using their Aadhaar card or Voter ID to obtain a health card. The official said the scheme will benefit the three crore residents of the state. More than 550 private hospitals have been empanelled for the scheme so far, and the number will be increased to 1,000 in future, the spokesperson added. Earlier, a family could avail of treatment only up to Rs 5 lakh. The limit has now been enhanced. By launching this initiative, Punjab has set a new benchmark for the rest of the country, becoming the first state to offer free healthcare, education, electricity.



BJP GOVERNMENT NOMINATES 96 COUNCILLORS IN HARYANA

Diary Times Desk : Nearly three months after the Urban Local Bodies (ULB) elections were held in various districts of the state, the BJP has nominated 96 councillors, ending the wait for many local leaders who had been lobbying for these positions. The official list of nominated councillors has been released by Vikas Gupta, Commissioner and Secretary, Urban Local Bodies Department. Of the total 96, 72 councillors have been nominated to municipal councils and committees, while 24 have been appointed to eight municipal corporations, with three nominees in each. In Rohtak, the nominated members are Ramesh Bohar, Ashok Verma and Anita Garg; in Faridabad, Yogesh Sharma, Priyanka Bisht Budhani and Jaswant Saini; and in Gurugram, Sachin Dewatwal, Vikrant Yadav and Krishan Swami. Usha Rani, Seema Gulati and Harbhajan Singh in Yamunanagar; Gaurav Nagpal, Umesh Parocha and Vishesh Verma in Karnal; and Dharmbir Kashyap, Gaurav Srivastava and Himanshu Banga in Panipat have been nominated.

FERTILISER CRISIS DEEPENS IN SIRSA; TWO DEALERS FACE ACTION, SALES SUSPENDED

Diary Times Desk : The ongoing crisis over the shortage of DAP (Di-Ammonium Phosphate) fertiliser in Sirsa district escalated further on Wednesday, with the Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department suspending fertiliser sales at two shops following surprise inspections. A special inspection team led by Dr Jagminder Nain, Joint Director (Agricultural Engineering), and Dr Sukhdev Kamboj, Deputy Director Agriculture, found serious discrepancies at two Mandi Dabwali-based fertiliser dealerships. The inspection team included quality control inspectors, subject experts and plant protection officers who scrutinised stock registers, godown records and POS data for irregularities. The sale of fertilisers from both firms was suspended with immediate effect and show-cause notices were issued. Officials also warned dealers against "tagging" — the illegal practice of forcing farmers to buy bundled products — and instructed all vendors to strictly follow government distribution guidelines. The action comes as farmers across Sirsa continue to face an acute shortage of DAP fertiliser during the critical sowing window. On Monday, chaotic scenes unfolded at multiple fertiliser centres, including the PACS centre on Janata Bhawan Road in Sirsa city.

2 BIKERS THROW SACK CONTAINING WOMAN'S BODY ON LUDHIANA'S FEROZEPUR ROAD, ARRESTED

Diary Times Desk : Two bike-borne youths were seen disposing of a sack which was later found to contain a woman's body on the divider of the Ferozepur road in Ludhiana on Wednesday morning. A few hours after the incident, the duo was detained by the police. When a roadside vendor confronted them about the foul smell emanating from the sack, the duo claimed that they were just throwing rotten mangoes. However, when he and other bystanders checked the sack, they found the body of a young woman. Shocked, they immediately alerted the police. One of the suspects was reportedly wearing the uniform of a private security agency. Several eyewitnesses recorded videos of the two men when they were disposing of the sack. By the time police personnel arrived at the scene, the duo had fled, leaving their blue motorcycle behind (registration number PB10CE7668). The body had blood oozing from the nose, said the police, adding that efforts were under way to identify the deceased. Jeevan, the roadside vendor who was standing near Aarti Chowk under the flyover on Ferozepur Road, recounted the events: "I saw the two men stopping their bike and dumping the sack on the divider. I asked them what was inside due to the strong smell."

PUNJAB GOVT TO TABLE STRINGENT ANTI-SACRILEGE DRAFT BILL IN VIDHAN SABHA ON JULY 11

Diary Times Desk : The Punjab government is set to table its draft Bill proposing harsher punishment for acts of sacrilege in the Vidhan Sabha on Friday. However, the Bill will not be enacted immediately. The decision was taken during a meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Thursday. Announcing the move, Mann said the government intends to first seek the views of the public, religious organisations, and lawmakers before enacting the law. Though Mann did not confirm whether the new Bill—set to become a state government's own Act, rather than being a part of Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS)—would include capital punishment for acts of sacrilege, The Tribune has learnt that the proposed penalty could be life imprisonment, not the death sentence. "We want wider public opinion on the issue. A consultative committee will be formed to discuss the provisions of the Bill with all stakeholders before we enact it," Mann said. The Cabinet also approved the state government's universal health insurance scheme and gave its nod to an official resolution—set to be presented in the Vidhan Sabha on Friday—seeking to withdraw the consent earlier given to Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) for deploying central forces at the Bhakra dams.

FIRING AT KAPIL SHARMA'S CAFE IN CANADA'S SURREY; BABBAR KHALSA TERROR GROUP CLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY

Diary Times Desk : Unidentified assailants reportedly opened fire last night at 'KAP'S CAFE', a newly inaugurated restaurant owned by comedian-actor Kapil Sharma in Surrey, British Columbia. Notably, Harjit Singh Laddi, an operative of the banned terrorist outfit Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) and one of the NIA's most wanted individuals, has reportedly claimed responsibility for the attack. Authorities are investigating the matter and an official statement from Kapil Sharma or local law enforcement is still awaited. Kapil and his wife Ginni Chatrath have soft launched their new venture in the heart of Surrey over the weekend. The cafe's Instagram Stories revealed packed interiors and enthusiastic fans. The venue is already gaining traction as a cozy hangout for locals and fans alike.



RELIEF COLUMNS DEPLOYED IN LANDSLIDE- HIT MANDI IN HIMACHAL PRADESH: ARMY

Diary Times Desk : The Indian Army has mobilised its columns across key locations in Himachal Pradesh to deliver relief material to remote villages in the state's Mandi district, many of which have been cut off by the flood. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu visited the district's Thunag area to assess the relief operations and shared photos of his visit in a post on X on Thursday. A brigade commander of the Army is visiting Mandi for an operational update and interaction with the force's columns. A meeting with the Chief Minister and Mandi's Deputy Commissioner is also planned, he said. The Army has deployed relief columns across Mandi, including in Thunag, Bagsiad and Pandoh. Its efforts are bolstered by the involvement of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and local authorities. "The Army remains committed to supporting the citizens of Himachal Pradesh during this crisis and continues to stand by the civil administration in this time of need," an official said.

CM TO SEEK SPECIAL FINANCIAL PACKAGE FROM CENTRE FOR COULDBURST-HIT AREAS

Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said he would soon visit Delhi to seek a special relief package for undertaking restoration works in the cloudburst and flashflood affected areas of the state from the Centre. Sukhu held a meeting with the officials last evening, along with Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur at Thunag, to review the damage and progress of relief and rescue operations in the Seraj region hit by torrential rains. He asked the Public Works Department (PWD) to restore connectivity through construction of Bailey and suspension bridges for which the government would provide required funds. The CM directed the Deputy Commissioner, Mandi, to identify safe locations for temporary resettlement of affected families, where prefabricated structures can be installed to provide immediate shelter to people whose homes have been ravaged by cloudbursts and flash floods. Sukhu and Jai Ram Thakur also discussed the issue.

MANDI-DHARAMPUR STRETCH OF NH 3, SEVERAL HIMACHAL ROADS CLOSED FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC DUE TO DOWNPOUR

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rain in the past few days has led to the closure of 245 roads, including the Mandi-Dharampur stretch of the National Highway-3 that connects Attari in Punjab with Leh in Ladakh, officials said on Thursday. Mandi, which was ravaged by 10 cloudbursts, flash floods and landslides, leading to the death of 15 people on the intervening night of June 30 and July 1, saw 138 roads closed while 124 transformers and 137 water supply schemes were affected. According to the State Emergency Operations Centre, a total of 192 transformers and 740 water supply schemes were disrupted in the state on Thursday morning. Isolated places in Sirmour and Bilaspur districts were lashed by heavy rain. Dhaulakuan was the wettest in the state, recording 168.5 mm of rain since Wednesday evening, followed by Bilaspur, 120.4 mm. Low to moderate rains occurred in several parts of the state. Mandi received 46 mm of rain, Jubbarhatti 44.2 mm, Nagrota Surian 42.4 mm, Poanta Sahib 38.4 mm, Sujampur Tiha 37.5 mm, Jatton Barrage 34.6 mm, Nahan 34.1 mm and Guler 32.8 mm.



HIMACHAL: HPTDC TO ROPE IN PRIVATE PLAYERS TO RUN 14 LOSS-MAKING PROPERTIES

Diary Times Desk : The Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (HPTDC) will hand over 14 of its loss-making hotels and cafes to private players to run these on the operate and maintenance (ONM) basis. The decision has been taken to improve the financial position of the corporation. The Cabinet had in its June 28 meeting approved the proposal of the HPTDC amidst opposition from employees. The Tourism Department issued the directives to the Managing Director, HPTDC, in this regard yesterday. The 14 properties that the HPTDC has offered to private players are Kashmir House (Dharamsala), Roscommon Old (Kasauli), Sarvari (Kullu), Apple Blossom (Fagu), Shiwalik (Parwanoo), Ullh (Jogindernagar), Hill Top (Swarghat), Lakeview (Bilaspur), Bhagal (Darlaghat), Mameshwar (Chindi-Mandi), Giriganga (Kharapatthar-Shimla), Chanshal (Rohru), Tourist Inn (Rajgarh-Sirmour) and Wayside Amenity (Bhararighat-Solan). The Cabinet had on May 6 advised the Board of Directors of the HPTDC to give some units to private parties on the operate and maintenance basis. The Board had given approval to the handing over of these properties to private players. The HPTDC having a strength of 1,800 employees is one of the 12 loss-making boards.

WEATHER WOES: HEAVY RAINFALL TILL JULY 15, FLASH FLOOD WARNING ISSUED FOR SIX DISTRICTS

Diary Times Desk : Heavy rainfall in the state is likely to continue as the state's Meteorological Department has issued a yellow warning for several districts till July 15. A flash flood warning has also been issued for six districts of the state. According to Hydromet Division of State's Meteorological Department, there will be low to moderate risk of flash flood in watersheds and neighbourhoods of Shimla, Mandi, Kangra, Kullu, Sirmour and Chamba districts. The state will also witness a few spells of heavy rain at isolated places of the state along with light to moderate rain till July 16. Meanwhile, downpour in isolated areas as well as light to moderate rain continued at most places of the state during the past 24 hours. Dhaulakuan in Sirmour district received 168.5 mm rain which was the highest, followed by 120.4 mm in Bilaspur, 60 mm in Kasol district Kullu, 46 mm in Mandi, 38.4 mm in Paonta Sahib, 34.1 mm in Nahan, 28.2 mm in Kangra, 22.4mm in Mandi, 20 mm in Kasauli, 18.8 mm in Palampur, 15 mm in Solan, 13.5 in Narkanda, 10.3 mm in Shimla and 8.5 mm in Dharamsala. Downpour in isolated areas as well as light to moderate rain continued at most places of the state during the past 24 hours.

HIMACHAL GOVT TO SEEK CENTRE'S NOD TO REHABILITATE DISASTER-AFFECTED FAMILIES ON FOREST LAND: CM SUKHU



Diary Times Desk : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said the state government will seek Centre's nod to rehabilitate disaster-affected families on forest land as part of a one-time settlement policy. On the second day of his visit to the disaster-affected areas of Seraj Assembly constituency, the CM visited Thunag, Bagsiad, Deji, Bara and Syanj villages and reviewed the damage caused by cloudbursts and assured the victims of all possible support from the state government. Eleven persons are still missing from Deji village, while four people died in the natural calamity in Syanj village. "Since 68 per cent of land in Himachal Pradesh is forest land, the permission from the Central Government would be sought for rehabilitating the people on forest land," he announced. The government was considering bringing a one-time settlement policy for resettling disaster-affected families, he added. "The Cabinet will soon discuss and announce a special relief package for all those who have been affected due to this disaster," he assured. He announced an immediate relief amount of Rs 7 crore for the affected areas, which includes Rs 2 crore for the Public Works and the Jal Shakti Departments, while Rs 1 crore would be provided to the Block Development Office to expedite restoration work. Rs 2 crore has already been released earlier, he said.

ROOT HOLDS FORT WITH 99* AS INDIA PUT BRAKES ON BAZBALL

Diary Times Desk : Shubman Gill declared the return of "boring Test cricket" but England did not care. They scored uncharacteristically slowly – at just 3.02 runs per over – and ground their way into the ascendancy on their slowest-scoring full day of the Bazball era, as Joe Root reached the close a run short of his 37th Test century and his eighth at Lord's. "Baz-Baz-Bazball! Come on, I want to see it," Mohammed Siraj was heard telling Root over the stump microphones, as England put their attacking shots away during a wicketless second session. "No more entertaining cricket, lads," Gill told his team-mates, after Ollie Pope left the ball alone outside his off stump. "Welcome back to the boring Test cricket." Boring suited England just fine. The crowd at Lord's were probably anticipating a very different day when they cheered Ben Stokes' decision to bat first after winning his third consecutive toss, but a sluggish surface and a disciplined bowling effort from India's seamers – including the returning Jasprit Bumrah – led England to scale back their usual aggressive intent.



SACHIN TENDULKAR HONoured BY MCC AHEAD OF INDIA VS ENGLAND 3RD TEST, LEGEND RECOUNTS 1ST VISIT TO LORD'S

Diary Times Desk : Legendary Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar expressed happiness at his portrait being unveiled at the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Museum, saying that from his first visit to the iconic venue back in 1988 to now getting his portrait unveiled is a feeling "that's hard to put into words". Sachin's portrait was unveiled at the museum before the start of play during the third Test between India and England at Lord's. Taking to his X handle, Sachin reflected, "I first visited Lord's as a teenager in 1988, and returned in 1989 with the Star Cricket Club team. I remember standing near the pavilion, soaking in the history and dreaming quietly. Today, to have my portrait unveiled at this very place is a feeling that's hard to put into words. Life has truly come full circle. I'm grateful, and filled with wonderful memories."

'AAGE AA JA': JASPRIT BUMRAH'S DESPERATE PLEA TO TEAMMATES FALLS ON DEAF EARS AS INDIA FAIL TO LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES

Diary Times Desk : On his return to the playing XI for the Lord's Test against England, the well-rested Jasprit Bumrah straightaway induced an outside edge from opener Ben Duckett. However, it fell short of wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant, who dived low to his left. Bumrah immediately told Pant and the slip cordon to stand much closer, as there wasn't much carry. But the words fell on deaf ears, and India paid the price. "Aage aa ja, ball carry nahi kar raha hai, soft hai (Come forward, the ball is not carrying, it's soft)," Bumrah's words were caught on the stump mic right after the fourth ball of the opening innings in London, when India created an early opportunity to rattle England. However, the slip cordon did not pay heed to those words and India paid the price of missed opportunities through the first morning of the third Test match, the most significant of those being in the 14th over, when captain Shubman Gill dropped Ollie Pope at gully. He made a full-length dive to his right after Pope edged the fuller delivery from Nitish.

ON RISHABH PANT, BCCI GIVES MAJOR INJURY UPDATE AMID INDIA VS ENGLAND 3RD TEST

Diary Times Desk : India wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant is "under the supervision of medical team" after he walked off the field during the second session's play on Day 1 of the third Test against England after suffering a blow to his left index finger, the BCCI said Thursday. The Board said in a statement that Pant is being monitored by the medical team as he was replaced by Dhruv Jurel behind the wickets. "Team India vice-captain Rishabh Pant got hit on his left index finger. He is receiving treatment at the moment and under the supervision of the medical team. Dhruv Jurel is currently keeping wickets in Rishabh's absence," the BCCI said. Pant was replaced by Jurel, who is not in the playing XI for the third Test, after on-field treatment did not help the India vice-captain recuperate sufficiently. Pant was grimacing in pain after putting in a dive to stop a delivery on his left, which Jasprit Bumrah had sprayed down the leg side in the 34th over of the innings during the second session. Pant had managed to get his hands on the ball but could not stop it entirely as England batters Joe Root and Ollie Pope scampered for a couple. The play was then held up for a while as Pant received treatment on his hand from the Indian support staff, but the wicketkeeper kept shrugging his hands when the action resumed.

INDIAN FOOTBALL IN CHAOS: SLIPS FROM 126 TO 133 IN LATEST FIFA RANKINGS

Diary Times Desk : The Indian football team continued its fall from grace in the FIFA world rankings, slipping seven spots to 133 in the latest update released on Thursday, July 10. This marks India's lowest ranking in eight years, with the last dip below 130 occurring in the 2016-17 season. More than just a number, the drop is a stark reflection of a year marred by setbacks – both on the pitch and behind the scenes. In 2025 so far, the Indian men's team has played four international matches, losing three and drawing one—all against lower-ranked opposition. They managed to score just once in those games, failing to convert chances or maintain defensive shape. The most glaring of these was a goalless draw against Bangladesh, a match that sparked major questions about the team's direction and form. The on-field slump has coincided with significant instability in leadership. Spanish coach Manolo Marquez, brought in with high expectations after his ISL success, stepped down earlier this month following a dismal run. India managed just one win under him – against Maldives in a friendly – while enduring defeats to teams like Hong Kong and failing to make an impact in crucial fixtures. This marks yet another transitional phase. While there were signs of promise under Igor Stimac.

"VIRAT KOHLI PLAYING, HIS DAUGHTER...": EX-INDIA STAR SLAMS BCCI FAMILY DIKTAT, GIVES BIG EXAMPLE

Diary Times Desk : After India's embarrassing 1-3 defeat in the five-match Border-Gavaskar Test series against Australia, earlier this year, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) took some stern actions. The board released a 10-point guideline, where it restricted the time families were allowed to spend with the players during any foreign tour. This step from the BCCI received mixed response from the players and fans, where many, including star batter Virat Kohli expressed disappointment. Recently, former India batter Suresh Raina also opened up on the issue, citing mental health of the players. Speaking to Ranveer Allahbadia on his YouTube channel, Raina stated that having your family, along with you on a tour, helps a player during his lean phase. "You do have mental health issues. When you are going through a lean phase and there's an army gunning for your spot, then such issues crop up. You fear being dropped. When chips are down you need someone to talk to," Raina told Ranveer Allahbadia on his YouTube channel.

HCA PRESIDENT JAGAN MOHAN RAO HELD BY CID OVER EMBEZZLEMENT ALLEGATIONS BY SRH

Diary Times Desk : Hyderabad Cricket Association president A Jagan Mohan Rao and four others were arrested by the Telangana CID on Thursday in connection with a case of embezzlement, police said. Besides Jagan Mohan Rao, HCA Treasurer C Srinivas Rao, CEO Sunil Kante, and two others have been arrested, they said. Five have been arrested over embezzlement of funds, mismanagement, among other charges, a top police official told PTI. The HCA office bearers were taken into custody by the CID on Wednesday following allegations levelled against Jagan Mohan Rao and others by the Sunrisers Hyderabad during the 2025 IPL season, police said. Earlier, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had ordered an inquiry into Sunrisers Hyderabad's plea seeking intervention of cricket governing bodies to halt the recurring "blackmailing tactics" by the HCA. HCA, however, denied all such charges by the franchise. In a letter to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the Indian Premier League (IPL) Governing Council, Sunrisers Hyderabad alleged that the HCA was "threatening" the franchise, primarily for more complimentary tickets (free passes). The franchise also stated.